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Statement by Governor Jan Brewer

Mourning the Loss of Marine Cpl. McGeath

"This is a day of sadness as Arizona mourns the death of another one of its bravest: Marine Cpl. Phillip D. McGeath. But it is also a day of pride for a state that continues to produce courageous individuals like him – men and women who put their lives at risk in service to the nation they love.

"Cpl. McGeath, 25, was killed January 18, 2012, while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. A Glendale resident, Cpl. McGeath was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, and was based at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

"We owe Cpl. McGeath our eternal gratitude. Please join me in offering a prayer for his family and friends, who will need Arizona's support at this most difficult of times.

"In honor of Marine Cpl. Phillip D. McGeath, I have ordered state flags lowered until sundown today, January 20, 2012."

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